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Aruba Chess Challenge 2010



What do I do now

The Aruba Chess Challenge, an international competition and certified rating event from the World Chess Federation (FIDE) was held at the Betico Croes Sport Stadium in Santa Cruz from Friday, November 5 through Sunday the 7th. Aruba normally conducts three national events annually.

Aruba Chess Federation President Octavio Croes and Secretary General Maurits Dijkhoff welcomed 35 players of all ages from Barbados,



Youngsters are stimulated by the challenge



Top spot and tournament champion Wim Blijstra of Curacao



All winners of under 12 and 18 division, second third and fifth place open winners and Maurits Dijkhoff, Secretary General of Chess Federation

Bonaire, Curaçao, Haiti, Trinidad and Tobago and Suriname; 35 Aruban players joined the competition, which was conducted in three groups.

Trophies and prizes were awarded for first, second and third place in youth groups ages 12U, (ages 6 to 11) and 18U (12 to 17).

The Open Division included all ages of competitors through adult.

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Storm deaths, cholera heap more misery on Haiti

POR-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AFP) - Struggling to rebuild in the grips of a cholera epidemic, quake-ravaged Haiti suffered further misery at the weekend as Hurricane Tomas claimed at least 21 lives, officials said yesterday.

The storm, which had already killed 14 people as it raked over the Caribbean resort island of Saint Lucia, barreled into Haiti on Friday bringing torrential rains and packing winds up to 85 miles (135 kilometers) per hour.

There were chaotic scenes as the storm approached and thousands of displaced people living in flimsy tents and under tarpaulin sheets in cramped refugee camps around Port-au-Prince scrambled onto buses to evacuate.

In the end the capital was spared the brunt of the storm, but Tomas submerged coastal



towns like Leogane in floodwaters, triggered dangerous mudslides inland and wiped out roads and bridges, completely cutting off some rural communities from help.

Worst hit was the southwestern department of Grand'Anse, where eight people were killed by Tomas. Nearly 900 Haitian homes were destroyed nationwide and another 5,000 damaged as the huge storm skirted past.

As a massive clean-up was launched, civil defense officials counted the cost of Haiti's latest disaster, saying 21 people had been killed and 6,000 families made homeless, amid fears the toll could rise in locations still besieged by floodwaters.

Roads have been severed in the north, south and southwest regions, and swathes of crops have been destroyed, Jean-Baptiste added.

Much of Haiti's population of just under 10 million live in precarious conditions, vulnerable to natural disasters. Mountainsides have been stripped of trees to be used as fuel, increasing the risk of landslides.

"We are going to have more victims because of the floods and mudslides, but we cannot yet reach the communities most affected," civil defense official Philippe Joseph told AFP.

Haiti's post-quake misery had already been compounded on October 21 when health authorities announced the nation's first cholera outbreak in decades.

Although easily treated, the water-borne bacterial disease has a short incubation period, sometimes just a few hours, and causes acute diarrhea that can quickly lead to severe dehydration and death.

Haiti's health ministry raised the cholera toll to 544 yesterday -- an increase of more than 40 in just 48 hours -- and said almost 8,000 people were now being treated for the disease in hospital.

Authorities fear the storm likely exacerbated the epidemic, with the believed source of the outbreak, the Artibonite River, flooding at the weekend.

Aid groups are also worried about more remote areas where people cannot reach clinics or hospitals.

Mexico fears more violence after drug capo killed

MEXICO CITY, Mexico (AFP) - Mexican authorities fear more drug gang violence after the killing of a top leader of the Gulf cartel during a lengthy shootout in northeastern Mexico last week, a government spokesman said yesterday.

Ezequiel Cardenas Guillen, known as "Tony Tormenta," was believed to be the current head of the Gulf gang, one of

Mexico's oldest, which has been fighting a particularly brutal turf war with its former allies the Zetas this year.

Officials said Cardenas Guillen died in a shootout with soldiers in Matamoros, a city on the US border in Tamaulipas state, on Friday, along with three outlaws, two members of the security forces and a journalist.

US imposes Yemen, Somalia air cargo ban in security boost

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US officials yesterday extended a ban on air cargo from Yemen to include Somalia and slapped new restrictions on passenger goods on US-bound international flights after a foiled parcel bomb plot.

From Monday, "no high risk cargo will be allowed on passenger aircraft," Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said in a statement, adding that international mail would also be screened individually.

A ban on all cargo flights from Yemen, imposed after last month's plot was narrowly

averted, will be extended and imposed on Somalia as well, she said.

"Toner and ink cartridges over 16 ounces will be prohibited on passenger aircraft in both carry-on bags and checked bags on domestic and international flights in-bound to the United States," Napolitano added.

Two packages addressed to Chicago synagogues containing the hard-to-detect explosive PETN hidden in printer ink cartridges were uncovered in Dubai and Britain's East Midlands Airport on October 28, sparking a global scare.

Cannabis "scratch and sniff" cards" issued to Dutch citizens

ROTTERDAM, The Netherlands (AFP) - In a novel bid to combat illegal cannabis cultivation, Dutch authorities started handing out 30,000 cards with a marijuana odour yesterday to alert citizens to what their neighbours may be up to.

"Citizens must be alerted to the dangers they face as a result of these plantations, and if they become aware of any suspect situations they must report them," Arnie Loos, spokesman for a government-appointed working group on cannabis cultivation, told journalists in

Rotterdam.

Though it remains technically illegal, the Netherlands decriminalized the consumption and possession of under five grams (0.18 ounces) of cannabis in 1976 under a "tolerance" policy.

Citizens may grow no more than five plants for personal use. Bulk cannabis cultivation and retail remain illegal and are in the hands of criminal organisations in a black-market business worth some two billion euros (2.8 billion dollars) per year.

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Minister Dr. Richard Visser receives action plan

The Aruba Health Department "presents National Dengue Prevention & Control" plan



ORANJESTAD – Taking into account, the active rainy season combined with the developments in our region, Minister of Public Health and Sports, Dr. Richard Visser requested the Department of Public Health to accommodate the existing Dengue Action plan, based on how we are dealing with the Dengue threat in our community.

Because of the amount of rain and many mosquito breeding grounds around the island, the government fear that a Dengue epidemic is inevitable. The Ministry of Health, to-

gether with the Pan American Health Organization – PAHO, prepared a basic long term plan which takes into account the various prevention aspects and after to combat the problems that Dengue brings along.

There is already an execution plan on the table but, because of new developments regarding Dengue, the government requested to adapt that plan to a more advanced stage.

Minister Visser thanked the team who worked on the plan. Now the plan has to be evaluated and put into action as soon as possible.

Construction of the biggest Linear Park in the Caribbean is ready to start

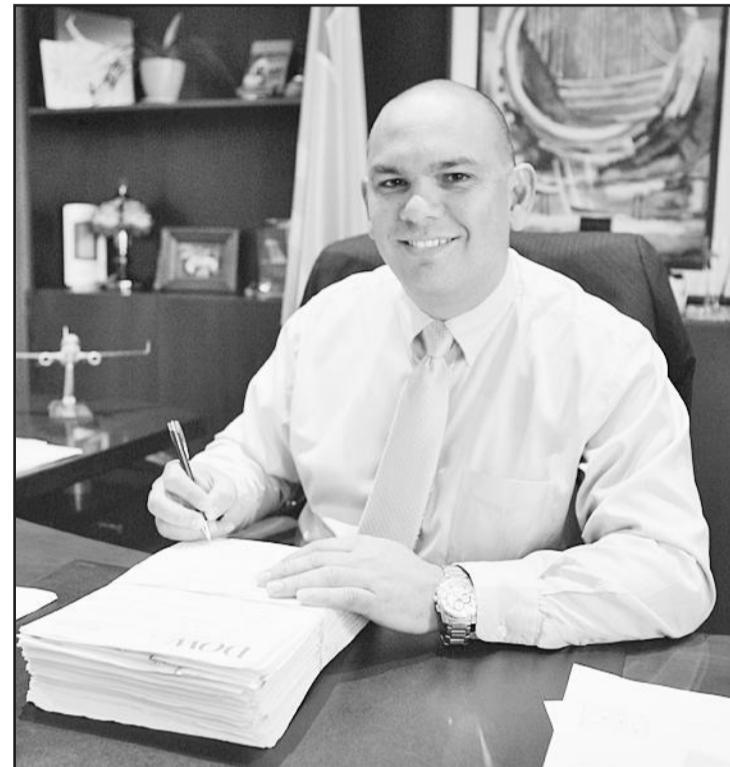
Minister Otmar Oduber signs documents, making it a reality

Last week, Minister of Labour, Transport and Tourism Otmar Oduber signed the documents to initiate the first phase of the biggest Linear park in the Caribbean

A linear park is a park that is much longer than wide. It is often formed as a part of a rails-to-trails conversion of railroad beds to rail trail recreational use. Other linear parks make use of strips of public land next to canals, streams, electrical lines, highways and shorelines. In some cities, many linear parks run through residential areas, where housing will front streets and back onto small linear parks containing a pathway, trees and grass

The Linear Park, when finished, will cover a total of 10 miles of land, from the Airport to *Arashi*. Taking into account that the project will cost the Government millions of Aruban florins, they decided to realize the project in different phases. The first one will be from the roundabout at *Las Americas* up to the *Wilhelmina Park* and will cost 4.8 million Aruban florins

A big part of this project will be financed with money of the Tourism Product En-



hancement Fund (TPEF); fund that will be generated through the partial room tax fee.

In a few days the community and visitors will see some changes taking place on the beaches between *Las Americas* and the *Wilhelmina Park*.

The intention is to create eye catching views and open spaces for activities; a boulevard surrounded by lots of beautiful plants.

The Linear Park will have a bicycle path, walkway, illumination, covered decks,

parking lots, showers, kiosks and enough space to organize activities. It will contribute enormously to the enhancement of product Aruba.

In a few months we will see positive results; according to calculations the first phase of the park will be ready in six months.

Minister Oduber and Cabinet Mike Eman express their enthusiasm with this project; it positively influences the necessary aspects to improve the quality of life of the community.



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Raymond Dijkhoff of Aruba with top Curacao players Seydi Salim Moussa and Louis Alvin Smith

Top winners in the 12U group were Beneja Kromosoeto and Ashwari Akloe of Suriname in first and second place and Brian Diaz of Aruba in third. Youngsters received gifts along with their trophies. Aruban players Quintin v/d Seijp and Mark

Bueno claimed the first and third place trophies and cash awards in the 18U category with Immanuel Kromosoeto of Suriname, big brother of Beneja, in second place.

The Open Division awarded trophies and substantial cash prizes. Wim Blin-



Third place open group Romero Sanchez

stra was named tournament Champion and Sherman Maduro, also from Curacao, took second place. Romero Sanchez of Suriname was third, Marvin Dekker of Curaçao was fourth, and Concepcion Cortez of Aruba claimed the prize for "Best Aruban Player" along with



Second place winner open group Sherman Maduro

fifth place.

Maurits Dijkhoff reports chess coaches are "very satisfied with the performance of our young players; we would have liked to have seen more participate in the Open Division."

The Aruba Chess Federa-

tion conducts national tournaments on the major island holidays of Betico Croes' Birthday, January 25 and on Aruba's National Day, March 18, with another at the end of the school year in July.

by Rosalie Klein



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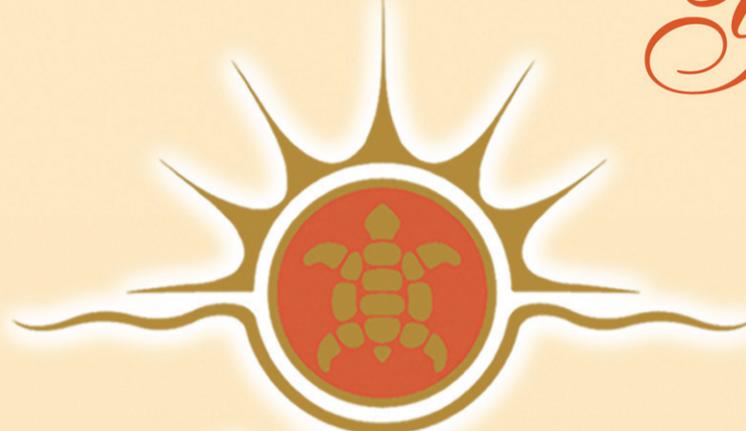
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Mr. Samuel and Mrs. Judith Continelli honored as Ambassadors of Goodwill of Aruba



Recently at the Holiday Inn SunSpree vacationers were presented with honorary titles created by the Ministry of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest visiting Aruba for ten and 20 consecutive years. Special friends of Aruba, enjoying ten or more annual vacations here, are given the Distinguished Guest certificate and those with twenty consecutive years are awarded the Ambassador of Goodwill title. The recent honoring was effected by Aruba Tourism Authority associate Castro Perez. Samuel and Judith Continelli, staying at the Holiday Inn SunSpree were honored as Ambassador of Goodwill for the Island of Aruba. They state their main reasons for coming faithfully to Aruba every year are our warm pleasant sun, our beach, excellent restaurants and friendly people. Picture depicts ATA Rep. Castro Perez together with Pauline Dijo and Rafael and the honorees, Mr. and Mrs. Continelli at the Holiday Inn SunSpree.

Aruba attends 'Salta' conference in Venezuela



Recently, the 'Salta' conference took place in Venezuela, with the participation of more than 150 travel agents. The Aruba Tourism Authority was also present at the conference with a table next to the door of entrance which captured the attention of all present. Goal of the 'Salta' conference was to launch the high season program in the travel world and at the same time make those present aware of the importance of doing a mammogram. Hotels attending the conference were Renaissance, Marriott, and Occidental. During the conference there was a workshop and a One Woman show with the theme 'la costilla de Adam estaba piche,' performed by actress Tania Sanabria. During the event Aruba handed out chocolates, pens and Bonbini magazines. Photo shows the ATA team at the 'Salta' Conference.

Sci-Tech

Sniffer 'hero rats' saving lives in war zones

MOROGORO, Tanzania (AFP) — A baby rat in a tiny red and black harness twitches its pointed nose incessantly, probing a grassy field where it is being trained by a pioneering Dutch NGO to smell out deadly landmines.

Other rats trained under the same scheme have already helped clear large swathes of land in neighbouring mine-infested Mozambique.

Babette, the two-month-old baby, walks unsteadily across the weedy patch followed by two trainers rolling a bar that teaches her to go back and forth across the patch in straight lines.

Light, with an acute sense of smell and easily motivated by food rewards, giant African pouched rats have been found to be highly effective in mine detection by APOPO, the Dutch non-governmental organisation that launched the training project -- the first of its kind -- in this Tanzanian town.

Training begins at four



The rodents are trained to detect the TNT in landmines through Pavlovian conditioning: a click sound to signal a food reward whenever they make the correct detection.

Other rats in the same project undergo a different type of training -- they learn to sniff out tuberculosis in laboratory sputum samples, providing a second-line screening for hospitals in Tanzania where lab testing has 60 percent accuracy.

Training begins at four

weeks old when the baby rats are exposed to humans to rid them of their fear of people and new surroundings, after which they are taught to associate a click sound with food.

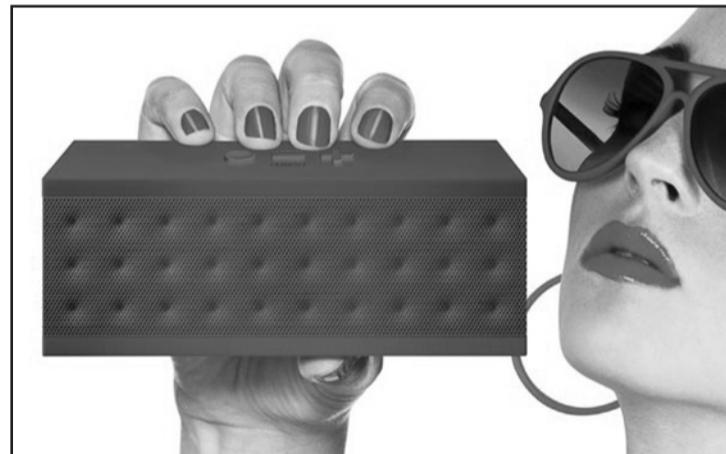
Once that is achieved, they are then trained to distinguish TNT scent from other smells. When they successfully distinguish it, the click is sounded and they are given a bit of banana, thus reinforcing the link between positive TNT identification and food.

In all, it takes nine months of painstaking on- and off-field training for a rat to be deployed for mine detection.

"This work is not easy," recounts trainer Abdullah Mchomvu, holding a rat cage under his left arm. "You have to be patient. Sometimes I get frustrated, but then again I tell myself these are animals."

But "this work saves lives," he added.

Jambox a boombox for the smart gadget era



SAN FRANCISCO - Jawbone has packed the monster sound of a boombox in a pocket-sized "Jambox" that wirelessly adds home-theater sound to mobile gadgets from smartphones to tablet computers.

The San Francisco firm known for fashionable earpieces for smartphones crafted its trademark blend of art and engineering into an "intelligent wireless speaker."

"We've combined cutting-edge innovations in acoustics and microcomputing," said Jawbone founder and chief executive Hosain Rahman. "Jambox is not just a new kind of stereo speaker; it's a whole new category of high quality mobile audio."

"We are getting the

biggest sound in a small footprint," Jawbone vice president of product management and strategy Travis Bogard told AFP as he balanced a sturdy but stylish Jambox in the palm of a hand.

Jambox easily syncs to Bluetooth-enabled gadgets such as iPod MP3 players, laptop computers, and smartphones and a customizable voice keeps users posted on the Jambox status.

The speakers feature MyTalk software launched early this year to add brains to beauty in the line of Jawbone Icon wireless earpieces designed to be Internet smart and techno-chic.

While Bluetooth headsets have historically been "dumb" devices that handle

audio to and from mobile phones based on control buttons, icons can be customized with mini-applications to do tasks with personality.

Jawbone parent company Aliph dubbed the Icon "the first intelligent headset."

Icons and Jamboxes can be personalized with voice notifications and mini-applications such as speaking text messages or Twitter posts.

The devices can be programmed to tell users phone numbers of incoming calls or how much battery life is left.

RockMelt is backed by Netscape co-founder Marc Andreessen and several other Web luminaries including

China unveils photos of moon

BEIJING (AFP) — China on Monday unveiled photos taken by its lunar probe of the moon's Sinus Iridium, the area marked out for the nation's first landing, highlighting the success of the mission so far.

The photos of the moon's surface, made public by Premier Wen Jiabao, were taken at the end of last month by the Chang'e-2 unmanned probe, the National Space Administration said in a statement.

Chang'e-2 was launched on October 1 and went into orbit eight days later. It was due to first circle the moon at a distance of 100 kilometres (62 miles), and then drop into orbit 15 kilometres from the

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New Web browser launches



RockMelt

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) — RockMelt, a new Web browser that highlights social networking, launched on Monday with backing from the co-founder of browsing pioneer Netscape.

RockMelt, which launched in beta, or test, version is trying to make a mark in a crowded Web browser arena that already features Microsoft's Internet Explorer, Apple's Safari, Google's Chrome and Mozilla's Firefox.

RockMelt is backed by Netscape co-founder Marc Andreessen and several other Web luminaries including

Bill Campbell, the former chief executive of Intuit, and Ron Conway, whose investments include Google, Facebook and Twitter.

Based in Mountain View, California, home to Google, RockMelt said the company has "re-imagined the browser for modern Web users, building in the Web's most popular services."

"RockMelt enables you to interact and share with friends on Facebook, Twitter and other sites instantly from anywhere on the Web," it said in a statement.

"RockMelt integrates your Facebook friends directly into the browser, so you're always ready to chat, share a video, or keep up on what your friends are doing, wherever you are on the Web."

RockMelt displays a user's social networks such as Facebook and Twitter in a margin on the right hand side of the page and friends on the left hand side.

diameter of two kilometres, according to the statement.

The images of Sinus Iridium, also known as the Bay of Rainbows, show the surface is "quite flat" with craters and rocks of different sizes. The biggest hole has a

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Tai Chi reduces arthritis pains: study



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Chinese exercise regimen Tai Chi helps reduce fatigue and arthritis pain, a new study has found.

"Our study shows that there are significant benefits of the Tai Chi course for individuals with all types of arthritis, including fibromyalgia, rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis," said Leigh Callahan, the study's lead author and associate professor in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine.

"We found this in both rural and urban settings across a southeastern state and a northeastern state."

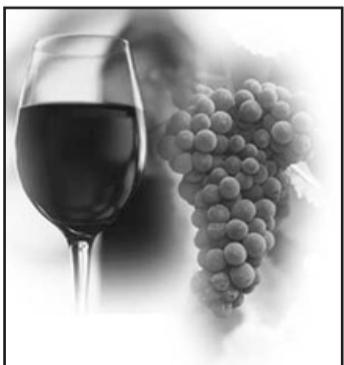
The scientists used in the study 354 participants recruited from 20 locations in the US states of North Carolina and New Jersey.

The patients were divided in two groups. One group received the eight-week, twice-weekly Tai Chi course immediately while the other group was received it later.

At the end of eight weeks, the individuals who had received the Tai Chi course first showed moderate improvements in pain, fatigue and stiffness.

They also had an increased sense of well being, and they had improved reach or balance, Callahan said.

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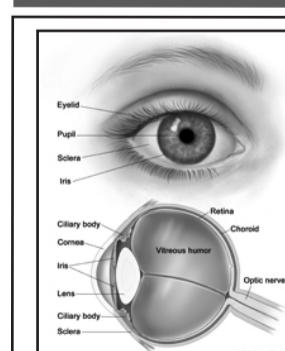
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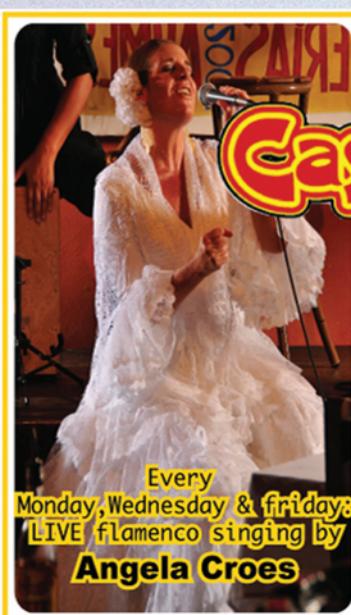
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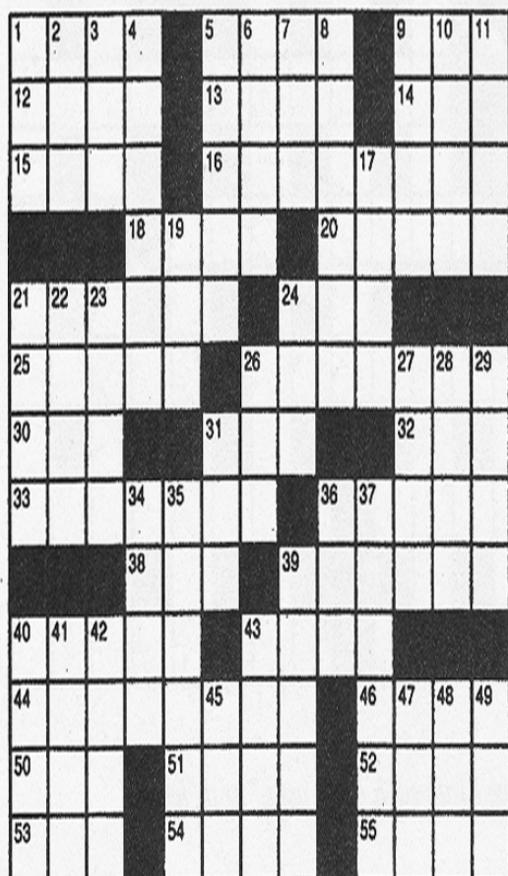


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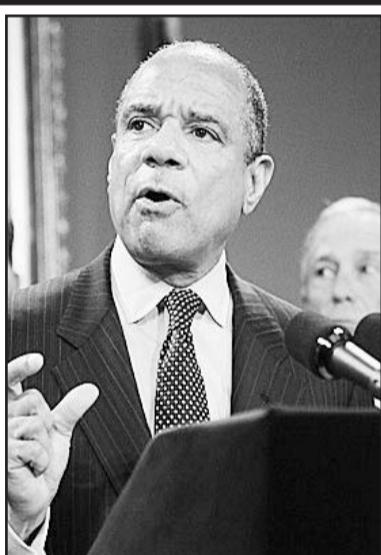
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World smallest car



ESSEN, Germany -- British constructor Perry Watkins sits in the world's smallest car during a press presentation yesterday prior to the "Motorshow" fair in Essen. His car is only 41 inches high and has a 150 ccm Cart engine. The Motorshow takes place in Essen from November 27 until December 5, 2010 with Dragster, Tuningcars and -parts, Hot Rods Oldtimer and Youngtimer on display. (AFP PHOTO)

NEW YORK CITY -- Photo depicts American Express CEO Kenneth Chenault (C) and New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg (R) announcing "Small Business Saturday" at City Hall in New York City yesterday. "Small Business Saturday" is a nationwide campaign to spur holiday shopping by American Express users on Saturday, November 27, at small businesses between "Black Friday" and "Cyber Monday." (AFP PHOTO)



LAHORE, Pakistan -- Photoshows Pakistani women carrying water cans as they come back home in Lahore. Pakistan's economic outlook has deteriorated sharply as a result of the floods. The agriculture sector, which accounts for 21 percent of Gross Domestic Product and 45 percent of employment, has been hit particularly hard. (AFP PHOTO)

RBC International Banking appoints Suresh Sookoo Chief Executive Officer of Caribbean Banking

TRONTO and PORT OF SPAIN — RBC International Banking, part of Royal Bank of Canada (RY on TSX and NYSE), recently announced that Suresh Sookoo, currently chief executive officer of RBTT Financial Group (RBTT), has been appointed chief executive officer, Caribbean Banking. Mr. Sookoo's responsibilities now encompass Caribbean-wide oversight of retail, business and corporate banking operations.

"Suresh's deep understanding of our business and his proven success as a leader make him the ideal person for this expanded role," said Jim Westlake, group head, RBC International Banking. "Suresh will focus on integrating our businesses onto a common platform across the Caribbean, enhancing the end-to-end and client experience by simplifying the way



Mr. Suresh Sookoo

we do business, and improving the productivity in our banking network."

RBC acquired RBTT in 2008 and Mr. Sookoo's appointment represents the next step in the integration of RBC Caribbean Banking businesses. RBC has one of the most expansive banking net-

works in the Caribbean with a presence in 20 countries and territories across the region, 129 combined branches and close to 7,000 employees serving more than 1.6 million clients across the region.

Suresh Sookoo

As chief executive officer of RBC's Caribbean Banking, Mr. Sookoo has Caribbean-wide oversight of retail, business and corporate banking operations. He has been chief executive officer of RBTT since 2006.

Mr. Sookoo joined RBTT in 1974 and has held senior positions in Corporate and Commercial Banking, Risk Management and Finance. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Management Studies and an Executive Masters in Business Administration (Distinction) from the University of the West Indies.

US authorities curb outlandish share offers

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - A US stock market watchdog yesterday banned the pricing of shares at ridiculously high or low values, a practice it said contributed to the May 6 Wall Street "flash crash."

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) said it approved new rules on "minimum quoting standards" by limiting the use of what are known as "stub quotes."

A stub quote is an offer to buy or sell a stock at a price so far away from the prevailing market value that it is not intended to be executed, such as an order to buy at a penny or an offer to sell at 100,000 dollars.

Firms using hyper-fast trading computer algorithms apply stub quotes to ensure they meet their obligations as "market makers" of both buying and selling stocks, even when they do not wish to trade.

The new rules oblige tra-

ding firms to enter share quotes at prices within a certain range of the share's average value the same day.

According to the SEC, stub-quotes trading executions "represented a significant proportion of the trades that were executed at extreme prices on May 6," when the Dow Jones Industrial Average dove hundreds of points within minutes.

"By prohibiting stub quotes, we are reducing the risk that trades will be executed at irrational prices, and then need to be broken, if the markets become volatile," said SEC chairman Mary Schapiro.

"This is an important step in our effort to improve the functioning of the US markets, and restore investor confidence following the events of May 6."

In a report released last month, the SEC and the US Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC)

said that the "flash crash" was sparked by a single 4.1-billion-dollar computer trade that prompted a massive automated sell-off.

The SEC has introduced several measures to prevent a repeat of the crash, including "circuit breakers" which can halt trade on certain stocks for five minutes if they experience a 10 percent price change over the previous five minutes.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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Azzy is on the look-out for friends and family



We would like to introduce Azzy to you, one of the donkeys that is cared for at the Aruba Donkey Foundation. Two years ago she was found sauntering in the middle of the road, together with three other donkeys, in Santa Lucia. That was too dangerous with so much traffic there. The volunteers of the sanctuary lured the four donkeys inside with treats, where they have stayed. Azzy has a malformed behind and one of the volunteers has renamed her Jennifer Lopez, Jay Lo. She listens to that nickname even better than to her real name Azzy. She is a quiet donkey who has made friends with donkey Cloudy; they are always together. Donkeys are that way, very faithful. They often have a friend (boyfriend or girlfriend) for life. They are truly grieving when they lose their good friend, for whatever reason.

Azzy has a chip, just like the other donkeys. This way she can be recognized. The donkeys at the sanctuary are well-cared for: they get their

food and drink and when they are sick the vet is called. Yes, they are expensive customers. The volunteers try to cover the cost through organizing all kinds of activities and by selling nice souvenirs in the store. Fortunately there are visitors who adopt a donkey now and then, who donate money or who buy something in the store. They help keep the sanctuary afloat that way.

The volunteers are now looking for people who wish to adopt Azzy. Azzy will stay there, of course; the only thing that is needed is AWG 30,- per month pays for her keep. In this way you help support this wonderful donkey as well as the sanctuary. You will receive a nice document and a super T-shirt. And if you like, your name and photo will be posted on our website.

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Venezuelan Super Model Joha Pirelli attended Champagne & Couture Cupcakes



Venezuelan supermodel Joha Pirelli enjoyed the ambiance at the new Trash boutique when Aruba's most popular fashion emporium reopened following a refresh. She was among spotted celebrities attending the festivity, escorted by her companion

Erick Munnikhuis, director of sales for Tuscany Residence.

Joha just recently came back from Italy where she walked the runways with the premier Moda E Spectacolo Tour, and where she shot a bikini bathing suit calendar for MaHaWuass, combined with much-photographed appearances on sfilata Modugno Moda.

Joha was among the Miss Venezuela contestants when she was scouted by the Italian fashion houses, which made her an offer she could not re-

fuse.

Pictured here, Joha, in black, making friends in Aruba, meeting the Koma models, affiliated to Trash

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Tiger Woods sees bright future for Asia

CHONBURI (AFP) - Tiger Woods said Monday he is upbeat about prospects for golf in Asia and expects to see more events in the region in future.

The former number one put on another disappointing performance at a four-man charity skins tournament in his mother's home country, but said it was "great being back" in Thailand.

"Obviously this region is growing in the game of golf. There's no doubt you'll see more events down the pipeline in Asia," Woods said.

The US golf star, who lost his world number one ranking to Englishman Lee Westwood last week after a 281-week tenure at the top, is

still searching for his first tournament victory of 2010.

Woods has endured a torrid time since his return to golf in April following a sex scandal that engulfed his personal and professional life.

"In order to be number one in the world you have to win golf tournaments and I didn't do that this year," he told media at the Amata Spring Country Club near Bangkok after losing in the "World Golf Salutes King Bhumibol" tournament.

"I had numerous opportunities to play well but I didn't do it."

Camilo Villegas of Colombia came top with prize money of 109,800 dollars in the 18-hole tournament, part of celebrations for

the 60th anniversary of the Thai king's coronation.

Britain's Paul Casey came second with 92,400 dollars, followed by Thai number one Thongchai Jaidee on 90,000 US dollars, leaving Woods trailing in fourth with just 6,600 dollars for one skin.

The prize money will go to a charity foundation. In a skins tournament, a pot of money is up for grabs for each hole and if no player wins the hole outright, it is carried over to the next one.

Woods has just two chances left to muster a win in 2010: the JBWere Masters in Melbourne teeing off Thursday, and next month's Chevron World Challenge in California.

Steinbrenner, Martin together again on Hall ballot

NEW YORK (AFP) - George Steinbrenner, the late owner of the New York Yankees, and Billy Martin, who managed the Yankees five different times in Steinbrenner's tenure, are together again on the Baseball Hall of Fame ballot.

The Hall announced Monday that Steinbrenner and Martin will be among 12 names on the veterans committee ballot next month.

Veterans candidates must appear on at least 12 of 16 ballots to be elected, with results to be announced December 6 during Major League Baseball meetings in Florida. Regular balloting for writers will see players chosen in January.

Enshrinement ceremonies will be next July in Cooperstown, New York.

Steinbrenner died in July, ending an era that began with his purchase of the club in 1973 and saw the Yankees win seven World Series crowns, 11 American League titles and 16 AL East division titles.

His fiery reign was epitomized by his off-again, on-again relationship with the late Martin, firing him four times and once allowing his resignation.

The veterans selection group includes eight Hall of Fame players, four reporters and four club ownership representatives.

South Africa beat Pakistan to win one-day series



South African cricketers Colin Ingram and Robin Peterson celebrate after the dismissing Pakistani cricket team captain Shahid Afridi during the fifth and last day-night international match between South Africa and Pakistan at the Dubai cricket Stadium in Gulf Emirate on November 8, 2010. South Africa defeated Pakistan by 57 runs in the fifth one-day international at Dubai Stadium to win the five-match series 3-2. AFP PHOTO

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Ronaldo accepts damages from British newspaper

LONDON (AFP) - Real Madrid striker Cristiano Ronaldo accepted substantial libel damages from a British newspaper on Monday over a claim that he put his injured ankle at risk by "living it up" in a Hollywood nightclub.

Ronaldo was not at London's High Court for the undisclosed settlement of his action against Telegraph Media Group Ltd, but said afterwards that he was "delighted" at the outcome.

A Daily Telegraph story in July 2008 had claimed that the Portuguese player, then recovering from an ankle injury, had laid down his crutches and taken to the dance floor with four models while on a trip to Los Angeles.

The paper alleged that the sight of the footballer "living it up" would dismay Sir Alex Ferguson, manager of Manchester United, Ronaldo's club at the time.

"In fact, the truth is that these events did not happen and the claimant did not behave unprofessionally," said Ronaldo's lawyer Allan Dunlavy.

Dunlavy told judge Victoria Sharp that the report had caused the player embarrassment, offence and distress.

As a professional, he was concerned both about his own reputation and how it might be perceived by United, Ferguson and the club's fans, Dunlavy said.

The lawyer said the newspaper now accepted the allegations were untrue, apologised, and had agreed to pay Ronaldo substantial damages and his legal costs in full. The amount of the damages was not disclosed.

The newspaper's solicitor, Helen Morris, said it accepted the allegations were false and ought never to have been published, adding: "It is therefore happy to set the record straight and to apologise to the claimant."

Ronaldo, who moved to Real in June 2009, welcomed the result and thanked Ferguson and former Manchester United player Roy Keane for agreeing to act as witnesses



in the case.

"I take enormous pride in my professionalism. I treat my training and recovery from injury very seriously and would never have drunk and danced in a nightclub without my crutches as the Daily Telegraph falsely claimed."

"I felt I had no choice but to begin and pursue these legal proceedings."

Ferguson also issued a statement praising Ronaldo as "the consummate professional", adding: "He is one of the best players I have ever worked with... and I am delighted that he has resolved this issue successfully."

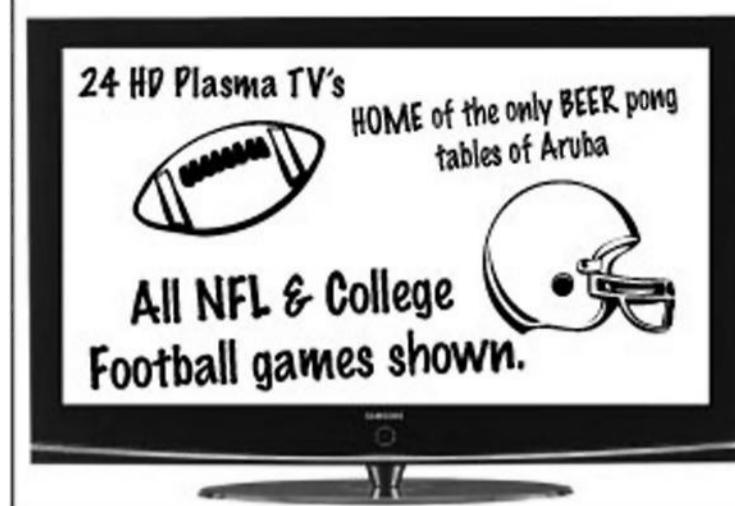
Ronaldo joined the Spanish giants in an 80-million-pound (129-million-dollar, 93-million-euro) deal after six years at United.

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Woods no longer one to fear: Garcia



Garcia

MELBOURNE (AFP) - Sergio Garcia said Monday defending champion Tiger Woods may be the man to beat in this week's Australian Masters but has lost the fear factor that gave him an edge over rivals.

Woods, who lost his world number one ranking to Englishman Lee Westwood last week after a 281-week tenure at the top, is returning to defend the Masters title he won

at Kingston Heath here last year.

In a remarkable loss of form, the 14-time major winner is searching for his first tournament victory of 2010 after his world was turned upside down a year ago.

Woods has endured a torrid time since his return to golf in April following a sex scandal that engulfed his personal and professional life and has left him win-less this

year. Garcia, whose ranking has crashed to 70 from a career-high world No. 2 in March 2009 and is without a tournament win since 2008, said he was more concerned about his own game than Woods.

The Spaniard said Woods was still a player to beat, but was no longer feared.

"I think you can never count out a guy like Tiger, one of the greatest players we've ever had in the game and definitely a man to beat and watch," he told reporters.

"He's maybe not as fearsome (as 12 months ago), I think that obviously he's gone through his fair share of problems too, he's trying to get back into it too.

"At the moment I'm more worried about myself than him."

Garcia said he now felt refreshed and had a renewed appetite for golf.

"It's been great, it's something I needed to do, mainly because I have been playing so much, as a professional and an amateur too," Garcia said.

"I needed some recharge in the batteries and I feel good and I can start to get back into the game."

Australia's top-ranked golfer Robert Allenby will play alongside Woods in the opening rounds of the Australian Masters at the Victoria course.

Woods and Allenby will be partnered by experienced Australian pro Brett Rumford.

In the other marquee groupings, Garcia will play with Australian veteran Craig Parry and South Korean-born local amateur Jin Jeong, while Colombian star Camilo Villegas is with Australian US tour players Michael Sim and Greg Chalmers.

US-based Australians Geoff Ogilvy and Stuart Appleby are in another group.

A's land negotiating rights to Japan's Iwakuma



OAKLAND (AFP) - Oakland won the negotiating rights to Japanese pitcher Hisashi Iwakuma, the A's announced Monday, giving the Major League Baseball club 30 days to sign the 29-year-old right-hander.

The A's and American League West division rivals Seattle and Texas were said to be the three teams who submitted bids for Iwakuma to the Rakuten Golden Eagles of Japan's Pacific League.

"The Oakland A's are excited to have had our bid for Hisashi Iwakuma accepted by the Rakuten Golden Eagles," the team said in a statement. "Out of respect for the posting process and for Mr. Iwakuma and his representative, we will not have any comment until the 30-day negotiation period comes to an end."

While the amount of the A's bid was not revealed, the Eagles were expected to make more than 16 million dollars with the posting.

Iwakuma, a 10-season veteran of Japanese baseball, would join a strong A's pitching rotation, depth that could set up a trade for top batters who might be needed to make the A's a contender in 2011.

Iwakuma, who won 21 games in 2008, went 10-9 last

season with a 2.82 earned-run average and nearly seven strikeouts for every nine innings he pitched in 2010.

In 2009, Iwakuma helped Japan win a second consecutive title in the World Baseball Classic, a national tournament featuring US major league talent. Iwakuma pitched Japan past South Korea in the championship game.

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Dallas Cowboys dump coach Wade Phillips after woeful start: report

DALLAS (AFP) - Wade Phillips was fired as coach of the Dallas Cowboys on Monday, a day after a humiliating 45-7 loss to the Green Bay Packers dropped the team to 1-7, according to television reports.

Jason Garrett, who had

been offensive coordinator and assistant head coach for the Cowboys, will take over the coaching duties on an interim basis, according to the area CBS television station.

Phillips, with an 83-65 overall record, won 35 of 58

starts in more than three seasons as the Cowboys coach, including the team's first playoff triumph since 1996.

The sacking of Phillips marks the first time in the half-century history of the famed National Football League club

that the top coach has been fired in mid-season.

Only winless Buffalo (0-8) has a worse half-season mark than the Cowboys, who had been considered a contender to reach the Super Bowl in their home stadium next February.

Veteran Davids quits Palace

LONDON (AFP) - Former Holland international midfielder Edgar Davids has left Crystal Palace by mutual consent after making just seven appearances in a three-month stint, he announced Monday on his website.

The 37-year-old joined

Palace on a pay-as-you-play deal in August but said in a statement: "I have decided that my journey as a player at Crystal Palace has come to an end. I want to thank all the people who supported me and gave me one of the greatest experiences of my life."



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